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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4151
INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

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TAGS: APER, BEXP, EC
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROMPT ASSIGNMENT OF E/C OFFICER TO
CONSULATE GENERAL GUAYAQUIL

1. INFORMATION GLEANED DURING VISITS BY EMBASSY AND CONGEN
PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON INDICATES STRONG POSSIBILITY THERE
WILL BE A LONG GAP BETWEEN THE DEPARTURE OF THE CONGEN'S
SOLE E/C OFFICER (FSO-5 PHIL METZLER, ETD JUNE 1, 1977) AND
THE ARRIVAL OF HIS REPLACEMENT (YET TO BE DESIGNATED).

2. THE EMBASSY AND THE CONGEN WISH TO STRESS THAT ECUADOR
IS ONE OF ONLY SIX COUNTRIES IN THE ARA REGION THAT HAVE BEEN
DEEMED BY STATE AND COMMERCE TO BE OF SUCH COMMERCIAL
IMPORTANCE AS TO WARRANT HAVING ANNUAL COUNTRY COMMERCIAL
PROGRAMS (CCPS). THE ECUADOREAN MARKET FOR U.S. EXPORTS
IS EXPECTED TO BECOME EXCEPTIONALLY ACTIVE WITHIN THE NEXT
SEVERAL MONTHS, WHEN AND IF THE GOE EASES ITS CURRENT
SYSTEM OF IMPORT CURBS. AT THE SAME TIME, ECUADOR IS
ATTRACTING GREAT INTEREST ON THE PART OF POTENTIAL U.S.
INVESTORS, AND THIS TOO IS EXPECTED TO ACCELERATE SOON, AIDED
BY THE SCHEDULED MID-MAY VISIT IN QUITO AND GUAYAQUIL BY
THE OPIC-SPONSORED INVESTMENT MISSION.

3. WITH SUCH STEPPED-UP COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN PROSPECT
FOR THE NEAR FUTURE, WE URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE HIGH
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PRIORITY TO DESIGNATING A TOP-FLIGHT MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICER
WHO COULD FILL THE COMING VACANCY IN GUAYAQUIL ASAP.
LONG DELAY IN FILLING THIS VACANCY WOULD
SERIOUSLY HAMPER OUR EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT THE CCP.
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